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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Michael J. Sullivan
FOR : **IMPROVED MULTI-LAYER GOLF BALL**
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 1999. A two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith to extend the time period to respond up to May 13, 2000.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 13, 1999, the Examiner found Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office Action persuasive and withdrew the finality of that Action. The Examiner then rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 1 as containing subject matter not described in the specification so as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. This rejection was made for the first time on December 13, 1999 in spite of